ABOL meeting 2017 Preface

The annual ABOL meeting on October 20th, 2017 took place under several lucky stars. Firstly, good news reached us from the Ministry of Research, Science and Economy a few days before the conference – the Ministry approved financing of the ABOL coordination for another three years! This allows us to continue networking, to coordinate generation of DNA barcodes in many projects (already running and in development at different institutions), and to provide a working database to our partners. Secondly, a retrospective view of the years of the pilot phase showed that all aims have been reached and some were even surpassed. At this point we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the generation of DNA barcodes with associated projects during the pilot phase. You have widened the scope of ABOL and enhanced the scene. Thanks also to everyone who otherwise supported ABOL in many different ways. We are sure that, together, we will have many success stories in the overall phase of the ABOL initiative.

At this conference, we experienced many vivid presentations – rich in substance, and consistently constructive and optimistic. To put it briefly, scientific quality was brilliant and the atmosphere of the event with around 130 participants was excellent. As a consequence, the outlook was also generally optimistic.

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